VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS (NATIONAL AND FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 19 OF 1958).

10-10 a.m. THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report[a] of the Select Committee on the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 19 of 1958).

VII.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

FOOD SITUATION IN THE MADRAS STATE.

MR. SPEAKER : The Business Advisory Committee yesterday decided that we shall devote three hours for the debate on the food situation, from 10-10 a.m. to 1-10 p.m. The Hon. Minister has already made a statement on the food situation and that statement has been placed on the table of the House. The hon. the Leader of the Opposition, and the leaders of the Dravida Munnetra Khazhagam, Communist, Socialist and Praja Socialist Parties will take 15 minutes each, and the Hon. Minister will take 20 minutes. That means about 70 minutes will be available and according to the decision arrived at yesterday, 10 hon. Members can take part in the discussion. They will be six Members from the Congress Party, one Member from the D.M.K., one Member from the I.N.D.C. Party, one Member from the Communist Party and one Independent. The Leaders of the Praja Socialist and Socialist Parties have stated that they have no members to speak on the subject. So, I allot seven minutes for each speaker and I hope hon. Members will sit down when I ring the bell after the time allowed to them is over. Otherwise, we cannot keep up to the programme. This programme has been agreed to by all Leaders of Parties, for which I am not responsible. I am only responsible for carrying out that programme.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : On a point of information, Sir. Yesterday we were in the midst of a Bill, viz., The Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958; one or two hon. Members also spoke on it. May I know when the discussion on that Bill will be continued.

MR. SPEAKER : We will adjourn at 1-10 p.m. and meet again at 3 p.m. when we will continue the discussion on that Bill till 5-30 p.m. or till it is finished.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

'That the statement made on 8th September 1958, with regard to the food situation in the State of Madras be taken into consideration.'

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